GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF COCO OUTLETS TO DEPENDENTS OF KARGIL MARTYRS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government had issued a letter in October, 2004 to allot all the COCOs developed under a-site marketing plan locations to Kargil beneficiaries ;

(b) : if so, the number of such COCOs are being run by marketing companies and the number of LOI belonging to Kargil category are pending alongwith reasons therefor ; and

(c) : the steps taken by the Government to clear all such pending cases expeditiously ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) :The Ministry, through its letter of 25.10.2004 had advised public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) that :

(i)The COCOs located at `A` site Marketing Plan locations, will be handed over to the dealers who have been formally selected for those locations in accordance with the guidelines.

(ii) In case of other COCOs, only the LOI-holders under the Special Scheme (Operation Vijay - Kargil) (OVSS) and those under the discretionary quota, may be considered for award of COCO dealerships. The inter se priority for OVSS will be as per the recommendation of the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence.

Further, Ministry vide its letter dated 6.9.2006 has advised that the Industry may pool their temporary COCO ROs for offering to the categories under special scheme (Operation Vijay - Kargil) and discretionary quota scheme. In case no LOI-holder under these categories are available, then these dealerships should be advertised for selection of dealers under normal process.

(b)&(c): As on 30.11.2006, 28 retail outlet dealerships allotted to widows/dependents of defence personnel killed in action during `Operation Vijay` (Kargil) were pending for commissioning due to various reasons, such as non-availability of land at the location selected by the allottees, non-issuance of necessary clearance from various statutory authorities, non-acceptance of temporary COCO ROs by allottee, etc., which are beyond the control of the Ministry or the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs). This Ministry has been requesting the concerned Ministries/State Governments for expediting the allotment of land / issuance of necessary No Objection Certificates (NOCs).OMCs have been advised to coordinate with Director General Resettlement, Ministry of Defence for counseling the allottees to accept feasible/viable options at the earliest like accepting suitable temporary COCO ROs, LPG agencies, change of location, etc.